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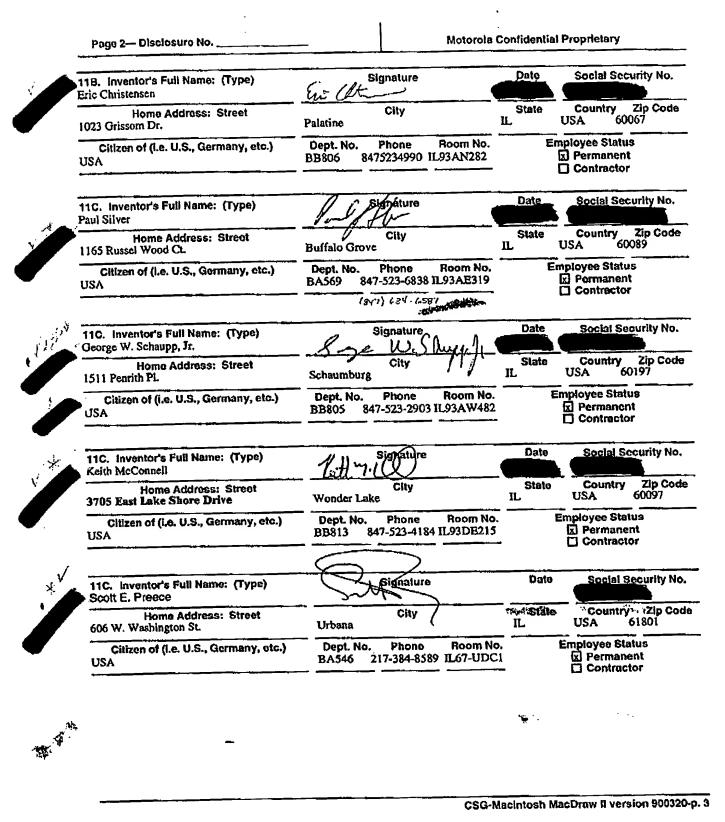
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## 2. State the problems resolved by this invention.

In small handheld devices there are two problems associated with the notification of events to the end user.

The first problem has to do with letting the user know that an event (such a new message or a scheduled appointment) has occurred. When this happens, the phone must let the user, who is not always in the presence of the device, know that an event has transpired. In mobile devices, this alert must grab the attention of the user both when the user is in close proximity to the device and when the user is returning to the device after a period of time has elapsed since the event occurred. In the latter case, the phone must alert the user without unnecessarily draining the battery of the device.

The second problem related to event notification has to do with an unobtrusive method of navigating to a detailed description of the event or performing a relevant action. This act of viewing or performing an action should let the user "get in and out" without having to navigate a menu on the small display.

### 3. Describe the invention in detail.

This invention is a method of notifying the user of a mobile device that an event has occurred and providing the user with a mechanism for quickly viewing a detailed description of the event or performing a relevant action. The invention consists of the following:

- a new event notification.
- customizable new event alerts.
- a reminder alert.
- a new event icon (if available).
- memory full dialogs
- quickview messages

#### New Event Notification

New event notifications are used to let the user of a new event. The new event notification consists of the following two items:

- a new event alert.
- a new event dialog.

When an event occurs, a New Event Dialog is displayed to inform the user of the new event. The Dialog is accompanied by an alert which provides the user with the option of viewing/acting upon the new event or dismissing the dialog to resume the previous task. A New Event Dialog occurs in any state in the user interface except when the user is in a "detailed view" mode such as when viewing a message. In these states, the user is engaged in a task and should not be interrupted. After the user exits this state, the Dialog and Alert are activated.

The dialog remains on the display until it is dismissed, acknowledged by the user, or the display times-out to save battery. Pressing any key which is not a direct response to the dialog dismisses it temporarily. A display time-out also temporarily dismisses the dialog. If reminders are on, the dialog and alert will be reactivated after a period of time.

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The dialog contains two actions for acknowledging the event. One action acknowledges the event, but implies that the user will deal with it later (EXIT, IGNORE, READ LATER...). For example, pressing EXIT silences the alert, dismisses the dialog, and turns off the reminder so that the user will not be interrupted by this event in the future. The other action is the "do it" action which implies that the user will deal with the event immediately (READ, CALL, ANSWER...). For example, pressing READ on a New Message Dialog will acknowledge the event (stop future notifications for this particular event) and take the user to the message. After completing the task, the user is returned to Idle (home state).

The new event Alert is either an audible or vibrate alert pattern which occurs once (to maximize battery life). For each event type, there is a separate dialog. To present information in a concise manner (on the small display) dialogs keep a running count of new events for the specified event type. This is done to minimize the number of dialogs which will have to be displayed at any one time. Multiple dialogs on the small display must be queued and are thus hidden on the small display.

New Voice Mail Dialog

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**New Information Service** Message Dialog

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New Answering Machine Message Dialog

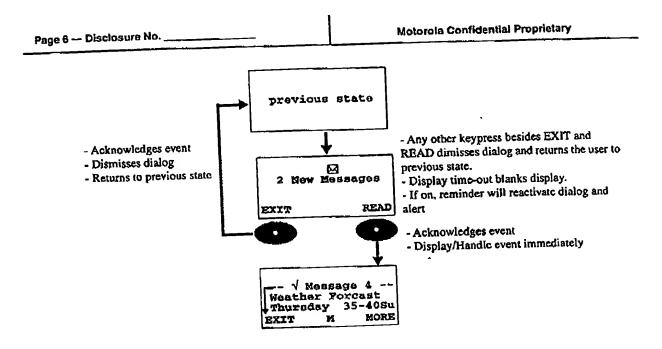
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### Customizable Alerts

The user is able to set a different alert for each type of event. This allows the user to know what the event is before even looking at the display. An example of how this can be used is an alert for a meeting which the user is already attending. If the user knows that the alert is for this meeting, the user can acknowledge the event without even looking at the device. This type of "blind" acknowledgment" is frequently performed on pagers, which can be silenced without viewing the new message.

#### Reminders

Reminders can be turned on or off for each event type. There can only be one reminder for each event type. If the Reminder Status is turned on, the user is reminded every 5 minutes with an audible or vibrate alert that a new event has occurred. If the dialog was dismissed or the display has timed out, the reminder will re-display the New Event Dialog. This reminder will repeat every 5 minutes until the user acknowledges the New Event or the phone is turned off.

New Event Reminders only occur in Idle state and override any other message dialog or reminder. Only the most recent dialog or reminder is active at any time. On phones with enough memory to track reminders, once the most recent reminder is acknowledged, the next most recent dialog or reminder becomes active.

If the user is in a not in the Idle state, New Event Reminders will be delayed until the user returns to Idle state.

New Event Indicator

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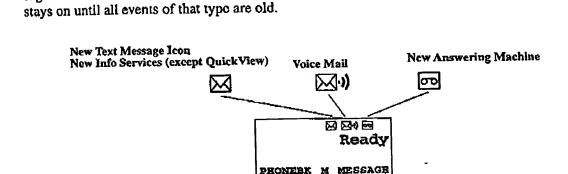
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In addition to the dialog and the alert, some events have icons (event indicators) which remain in the display until the event is no longer new. An example of a "new" event which becomes "old" is a new message. It is considered "old" once the user has "read" the message. For any given event type, the indicator

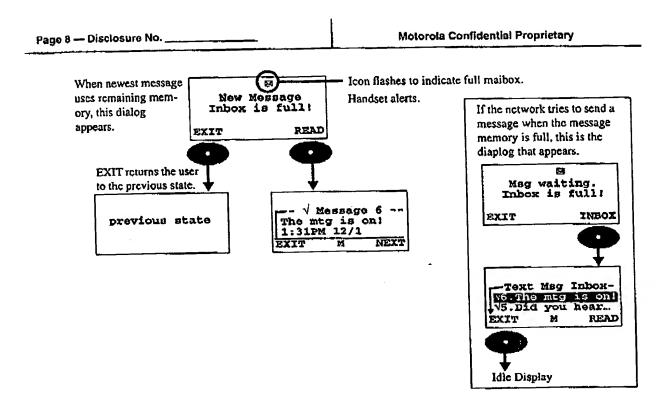
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### Memory Full Dialogs

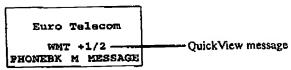
For some events, such as messages, the new event is accompanied by a new item in memory. With these types of events, memory is used to store the new item and can become full on small devices with limited memory. When a message is received the device checks to see if the memory <u>becomes</u> full. If the Inbox is now full, an "full" message is displayed as part of the New Message Dialog. On technologies which do not stop sending messages when a device's memory is full, the side box illustrates the New Message Dialog which is used. On technologies which stop sending messages when the Inbox is full, the handset notifies the network when the Inbox can begin accepting new messages.

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### Quick View Messages

Quick View Messages are messages received on a Cell-Broadcast channel which has been specified by the user as a "Quick View" channel. These messages are immediately displayed in the Idle display.



When a Quick Message arrives, the New Message Alert is played to let the user know of the new message. If the message is only 1 line long, it is displayed on the third line. If the message is longer than 1 line, it is displayed in its entirety for 30 seconds. The message then times out and only the beginning of the message is displayed on the third line. Pressing the END soft key on the Idle display deletes the Quick View message from the Idle Display. The user has the user settable option of saving a copy of Quick View messages in message Inbox. If this option is turned on, a copy is saved in the Inbox as a "Read" message.

### 4. New elements.

The new elements in this user interface are:

• Event counters in New Event Dialogs
• Reminders
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- Customizable Alerts
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# 5. List the closest known technology.

## **GSM** Personality

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New Event Dialog

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